AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing

supersedes all previously presented claims:

Claims 1-16. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS 17.

terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred delivery transaction on a

principle of occurrence and a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of completion,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the

principle of occurrence by setting sum-up of a transaction amount with other transaction

amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment of the total amount to necessary,

and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment, and

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the

principle of completion by setting sum-up of the transaction amount with other

transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment of a total

amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment;

and

a management control unit,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence

is selected as an the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon

payment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery

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date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a

registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, outputs data

for a customer copy with said slip number, and outputs data that indicates that the

transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions, and upon

delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip

number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, and outputs data that indicates

that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion

is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon

prepayment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a

delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input

a registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, and

outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number; and upon delivery, outputs

incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives

as an input a registration of a delivery, outputs data that indicates that the transaction

amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and outputs data that

indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete.

(Canceled) 18.

(Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS 19.

terminal, comprising:

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a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred payment transaction on a

principle of occurrence and a deferred payment transaction on a principle of completion,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the

principle of occurrence by setting sum-up timing of a transaction amount with other

transaction amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and

delivery of goods to predelivery with respect to payment.

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the

principle of completion by setting sum-up timing of the transaction amount with other

transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary,

and delivery of goods to a predelivery with respect to payment; and

a management control unit,

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence

is selected as an the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery,

issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of

goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of

an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with

said slip number, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be

summed-up with amounts from other transactions and receives as an input a

registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information

after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an

amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the

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unsettled transaction is complete,

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in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of completion

is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery,

issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of

goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of

an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with

said slip number, and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon

payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip

number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a

zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete and

outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with

amounts from other transactions.

Claims 20-33. (Canceled)

(Currently Amended) A transaction managing apparatus used for a POS 34.

terminal, comprising:

a transaction defining unit which defines a deferred delivery transaction on a

principle of occurrence, a deferred delivery transaction on a principle of completion, a

deferred payment transaction on a principle of occurrence, and a deferred payment

transaction on a principle of completion,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the

principle of occurrence by setting sum-up of a transaction amount with other transaction

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amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment of the total amount to necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred delivery transaction on the

principle of completion by setting sum-up of a transaction amount with other transaction

amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment of a total amount to

necessary, and delivery of goods to postdelivery with respect to payment,

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the

principle of occurrence by setting sum-up timing of a transaction amount with other

transaction amounts to upon start of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary, and

delivery of goods to predelivery with respect to payment, and

the transaction defining unit defines the deferred payment transaction on the

principle of completion by setting sum-up timing of a transaction amount with other

transaction amounts to upon completion of the transaction, prepayment to unnecessary,

and delivery of goods to a predelivery with respect to payment; and

a management control unit,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of occurrence

is selected as an the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon

payment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery

date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a

registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, outputs data

for a customer copy with said slip number, and outputs data that indicates that the

transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions, and upon

delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip

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number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred delivery transaction on the principle of completion is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon prepayment, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, confirms payment of a total amount, and outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number; and upon delivery, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of an input of the slip number, receives as an input a registration of a delivery, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete,

in a case where said deferred payment transaction on the principle of occurrence is selected as the unsettled transaction, the management control unit, upon delivery, issues an incomplete transaction slip number, receives as an input a delivery date of goods, receives as an input a registration of goods, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment including a zero payment, outputs data for a customer copy with said slip number, outputs data that indicates that the transaction amount is to be summed-up with amounts from other transactions and receives as an input a registration of a delivery; and upon payment, outputs incomplete transaction information after receipt of the input of said slip number, receives as an input a registration of an amount of payment, and in case of a zero balance, outputs data that indicates that the unsettled transaction is complete, and

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amounts from other transactions.